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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2006, please consider the following arguments regarding above-identified application:

Amendments to the Abstract page begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

An Appendix including a copy of the published Abstract for PCT/CH00/00076 is attached following page 6 of this paper.